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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 30th-January, through Sunday, 6th-February there were 235 countries active. Countries available: 1A, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FT5X, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

1A0KM WRAP-UP

Luca, IK5HHA, one of the 1A0KM guest operators, informs OPDX that they made 11995 QSOs during their Sovereign Military Order of Malta operation. The breakdown is 5381/CW, 6184/SSB and 430/RTTY QSOs. By the time you read this, logs should be uploaded to LoTW.

4A, REVILLAGIGEDO

Santos, EA4AK, sent out a press release announcing a DXpedition to Revillagigedo (XF4) during March. The assigned callsign will be 4A4A. The DXpedition's Web site is: http://www.revillagigedo2011.com The team leader and DXpedition organizer is Marcos, XE1B, and the QSL Manager is David, EB7DX . Confirmation will only be DIRECT and LoTW. A team of 9 operators will operate from "Isla Socorro" (officially **"Benito Juarez" Island**) between March 3-20th.

The island's reference numbers are: IOTA **NA-030**, WAZ Zone 6, ITU Zone 10, Grid Locator DK48MS and located -approx- at Longitude 111º West and Latitude 18º 46´ North. Sunrise will be around 1320z and Sunset around 0100z. Currently the team consists of Marcos/XE1B (Team Leader/SSB), Santos/EA4AK (Logistic/SSB), Vicente/EA5AFP (CW), Fernando/EA5FX (CW), Francisco/EA5KM (CW), Javier/EC4DX (SSB), Edu/EA8AUW (SSB/Digi) and Alejandra Ortiz (Geology - Photography). Activity will be on 160-10 meters, possibly 6 meters, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They plan to have a CW team and a SSB team operating simultaneously on the air at all times. Yagis will be used for the higher bands and verticals for the lower bands. Efforts are being made to bring some linear amplifiers to the island.

Santos, EA4AK, states, "Because propagation conditions are still low or average we must make a special effort to optimize the DX windows. I have prepared some 'propagation movies' (one for each band) for Revillagigedo to help those with less experience estimating the best times/bands to work 4A4A. You can see the movies on my YouTube 'channel' at:

http://www.youtube.com/user/EA4AK "

The press release also mentions: "The licenses and permits for the 4A4A DXpedition have taken long time to obtain due to the complexity of this archipelago. Revillagigedo is a natural reserve, a protected reserve of the biosphere. Only visits or expeditions of scientific nature are permitted by the relevant Mexican authorities (a prestigious Mexican geologist will travel with the team to perform studies of natural life interest while 4A4A is running). Also, it is an emplacement of military interest, and tightly under the control and supervision of military authorities. These two permits from those two mentioned authorities are absolutely necessary before proceeding to request an amateur radio operating license to the telecommunications authorities." This 4A4A DXpedition is exclusively financed by the personal financial effort of the team of operators. The team is looking for some support from sponsors, clubs or other organizations. See the official Web site (provided above) for details on how to help them. Santos, EA4AK, has also provided a few links for interest:

* A Twitter Page for updates: **https://twitter.com/EA4AK**
* Various maps and images of Isla Socorro, and Revillagigedo, on EA4AK's Picassa album: https://picasaweb.google.com/EA4AK.Santos/4A4AVARIOS#
* All the JPG images of those propagation movies can be more carefully scrutinized at the Picassa album on: **https://picasaweb.google.com/EA4AK.Santos/4A4APROPAGATIONIMAGES#**

9G, GHANA

Operators Rob/PA3DEW and Vincent/PA3FQX will once again be active as 9G1AA from Dorma Ahenkro Hospital in Ghana between March 1-20th. Activity will be mainly on 20 and 15 meters SSB. QSL via PA3ERA.

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Operators Ulf/DL5AXX, Tom/DL5LYM, Jan/DL7JV, Frank/DL8WAA and Falk/DK7YY will be active as CR3L from **Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014)** during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via DJ6QT. Operators will probably be active as CT9/homecall before and after the contest. Checkout the CR3L station's Web page at:

http://www.cr3l.de

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS

Chris, VK3FY, is reporting on DX-World.Net (edited):

> "We are hoping that the weather improves in the South China Seas so that we can board the ship which will take four operators to Pag-Asa. As this is a scouting trip, operating time on the island will be limited to a few hours to 3 days. The time on the island will be utilized in taking pictures of prospective sites and time permitting getting DX0DX on the air. This is a prelude to the April operation. QSL will be as per DX0DX via Bob N2OO. As we are guests on this vessel, we have no control over its departure, schedule or time it is allotted at Spratly."

E3, ERITREA

It looks like a E30 DXpedition is planned for 2012. The last operation, E30GA, took place from Asmara in November 1998. Currently the information is limited -- no operators and specific dates were provided. The only thing available via the below Web page is activity will be on 160-6 meters, including 30/17/12 meter bands, with operations on CW, SSB and RTTY. The unknown team will have at least 4 stations on the air at the same time on different bands and modes. The callsign is also not clear on the Web page (is it E30A or E30AA). However, the below Web page states, that the QSL Manager for E30A is S52RU. The Web for the 2012 DXpedition (still under construction) is:

http://www.seecc.net/Eritrea2012/index.html

There is a survey for "bands needs" available on the Web page. Hopefully, more info will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Per, LA5EAA, will be active as EA8/LA5EAA between February 13-26th. Activity during the first week will be from the Island **La Gomera** (DIE S-014, WLOTA 1526), and the second week from the Island of **Tenerife** (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276). Both islands are IOTA **AF-004**). He plans to operate holiday style using an Yaesu FT-817 transceiver (5w QRP) and wire antennas on the HF bands, mainly CW. QSL via his home callsign.

FRENCH EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA

Mehdi, F5PFP, will once again head south to the Antarctic waters sailing on a yacht on a 6 week voyage. He departs from Ushuaia on February 14th. His itinerary (as he puts it) is as follows: "Beagle channel islands: the Drake, then it will depend of the sailing conditions,

impossible to give you an order. South Shetland Islands; West Graham land; Palmer Islands; Biscoe Islands; Adelaide Island; Marguerite Bay; back via the Melchior islands. Callsigns mentioned are FT5YK/p, VP8DLM and CE9XX (he is waiting for an Argentine callsign also. Radio operations will be mostly between 2200-0200z on 40 meters SSB and possibly earlier sometime on 20 meters. Equipment is an IC-706, FT-897 and an IC 2KL amp. Antennas are a 1/4 wave vertical for 40m and a 1/4 wave vertical for 20m.

HE3, SWITZERLAND (Special Event)

Members of the Rav Radio Amateurs of Vaudios (HB9MM) will activate the special callsign HE3OM from Sottens during the month of February. Sottens is a small village where the last medium waves transmitter active in Switzerland was located. It stopped its emissions on December 31st, 2010, at 2359 local time. Permission has been granted to the "Radioamateurs Vaudois" club to use the 2 giant antennas for amateur purposes. The callsign HE3OM was chosen for the following reasons:

* The prefix HE3 has already been used in 2004, when the shortwave transmitter in Sottens went off the air. At that time the special callsign was HE3RSI.
* The suffix OM in French means Ondes Moyennes, mediumwaves.
* Also, OM are the initials of Option Musique, the last program that was transmitted over these big antennas.

The tallest antenna, 188 meters high, is used on the HF bands, especially the lower bands like 160m and 80m. The "small" mast, 125 meters high is connected to the VLF station transmitting on the 137 kHz amateur band. QSL HE3OM via HB9TOB. For more details, see:

http://www.hb9mm.com/sottens

IOTA NEWS

NA-193. Operators John/VE8EV and Gerry/VE8GER are currently planning a 5-7 day operation to **Tent Island** in the Yukon Territory Group during late April (over the Easter holiday - dates to be finalized at the end of March). Tentative callsign will be XK1T. Activity will be a high-power/yagi operation, mostly 20 meters, mostly SSB (but likely more CW than previous trips) with the goal of putting **NA-193** into as many logs as possible in NA, Europe, and Asia. They are looking for donations/funds to help pay for the cost of this expensive operation. Donations can be made through John's OQRS page at:

http://ve8ev.blogspot.com

J6, ST. LUCIA

Operators Volkmar/DF2SS and Marc/DL1VKE are now active as J6/DF2SS and J6/DL1VKE from St. Lucia (NA-108) until February 17th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Members of the Mariana Friendship Club (WH0SS) will be activatings W0S from **Saipan (OC-086**, USI NI002S, WLOTA 1333) between February 15-22nd, to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the international exchange program between Seisa Group (Japan) and Marianas High School (Saipan CNMI). Since 1986, more than 7000 students from Japan to Saipan and more than 1000 students from Saipan to Japan crossed the ocean to participate in this incomparable and fruitful program. This operation is also one of the activities of "Foundation with Global

Children" and "International NGO Seisa-Lotus (provisional name)" aiming for the advancement of education and medical care to children worldwide.

The operating site will be the Saipan World Resort, Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Operators mentioned are Yasuo/KH0WF, Akihiko/ JK1OPL, Jay/KH2J, Tadao/AE6UR, Naohiko/W6HGY and Mamoru/W6KNH. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JA1HGY. Log Search will be available at:

http://www.clublog.org/logsearch.php?log=W0S

Please note that the team will not be in the ARRL-DX CW Contest, however they will operate SSB/RTTY and the WARC bands, to avoid the confusion during the contest period.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Yuichiro, JM2RUV, will be active as KH0/JM2RUV between February 18-21st. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB. He also plans to be on during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th). QSL via JM2RUV, direct or by the Bureau.

KH6, HAWAII

Operators Lloyd/KH6LC, Oliver/W6NV, Don/N6DA, Ken/N6KB, Curt/AH6RE and Jim/W6SC will be active as KH6LC during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via WA6WPG.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For February 7-13th)

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Feb   7    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Feb   8    AN          --------------------
Feb   9    HN          BN - Below Normal
Feb  10    HN          AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Feb  11    HN-AN       LN - Low Normal
Feb  12    AN          HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
Feb  13    AN          DIS  - Disturbed
                       VDIS - Very Disturbed

  GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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  QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
          0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
  UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
          7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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PA, THE NETHERLANDS

Kees, PA7TWO, informs OPDX that a new Dutch contest group has been born and located in the northwest part of the Noord-Holland Province. The contest team's callsign is PA6NH. The team members are PA2PAC, Paul/PA3FUN, Kees/PA7TWO, Jerry/PH9HB, Jan/PD1AIQ and Bram/PE1OPK. Their station setup consists of surplus equipment, namely Harris 590 receivers and Telefunken S2525 amplifiers, with Yaesu/ACOM equipment as backup. This new contest team plans to participate in all the major contests starting with the upcoming Dutch PACC Contest (February 12-13th).

The group has a successful trial run for their new station during last weekend's UBA-SSB Contest (January 29-30th) that looked very promising. ADDED NOTES: QSLs for the

upcoming PACC Contest (only) will be sent via the "Global QSL" for all QSOs. For all other contests, send your direct QSL to PA7TWO via the address on **(QRZ.com)**. (Please read and comply to the listed QSL rules!). As a general rule, all QSOs will be uploaded to the LoTW! Also, checkout the PA6NH pictures on **(QRZ.com)**.

P4, ARUBA (Update)

Tim, WD9DZV, will be active as P40D (not P40A as announced last week) from Aruba between March 8-13th. Activity will be holiday style on most bands and modes. QSL via WD9DZV.

PACIFIC TOUR (Update)

Bob, 5B4AGN, will finish his Palau (OC-009) T88ZM operation on February 8th, and then head to Saipan (OC-086, USI NI002S, WLOTA 1333). He will be active as KH0/G3ZEM between February 9-16th. Operations will be from the Saipan Rental Shack

(See the following Web page at: http://saipan.rental-shack.com/english/index.html)
Activity will be CW only on the HF bands. QSL via M0URX, direct or using his OQRS for Bureau cards at:

http://www.m0urx.com/qsl-request-form.html

PJ2, CURACAO

Operators Don/W5FKX, Jim/N5HZ, Dave/W5XU and Mike/W5ZPA will be active as PJ2T from Signal Point Station on **Curacao (SA-099**, WLOTA LH-0942) between March 10-17th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL PJ2T via N9AG or LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE

Roger, N4RR, will once again operate in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 12-13th) from **Bonaire (SA-006**, WLOTA L1279) using the callsign PJ4R. He will be signing PJ4/N4RR before the contest starting on February 9th. All activity will be RTTY on 80/40/20/15 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

PZ, SURINAME

Serge, RX3APM, will be active as PZ5P from Paramaribo between February 15-22nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. He will also be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th). QSL via UA4LU or LoTW.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated February 6th)
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4L0CR via DL8KAC       HB9MUBA via HB9-Bureau   UK8OM via 4Z5OG (direct only)
4Z20HC via 4Z4TL       HE3OM via HB9TOB         UN2011G via UN8GC
5C2P via IK2PZC        HG0WFF via HA0HW         UP2011AS via UN8GU
9K50FM via 9K2FM       HI3/W1JNZ via W1JNZ      UP2011AWG via UP7Z
A35AY via JA1NLX       IP1METEO via IQ1BP       UP2011BN via UN7QCC
A61Q via EA7FTR        J79VG via KC4VG          UP2011IH via UN2G
A65BP via UA6MF        LX/ON5QRP/P via ON5QRP   UP2011SJ via UN6QC (direct)
CE1TT via EA5KB        M6T via G4PIQ            UP2011SO via UN8GC
CP6AA via IK6SNR       N1Y via K1NIU            UW0U via UT7UT
CS2C via OK1RF         OA4/DL1NL via DL1NL      V55DLH via DK8ZZ
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CX3TQ via IK2DUW      OK5Z via OK2ZI           V73/K3NT via K3NT
D44TBE via IK5CRH     PJ2/DF7DQ via DF7DQ      VE7/F5IDM via KH6-Bureau
E7/DJ1YFK via DJ1YFK  PJ4/EA1PP via EA1PP      VP9/OH3JR via OH3JR
E70WFF via E77AW      PY4ZUN via LX1NJ         WH0DX via JM1LJS
EE5URW via EA5URW     SN400JH via SP2KDS       YN3M via W0MM
EM50IYG via UT2IY  TM45RY via F6FNL (eQSL/LoTW/no Bureau) YS1RS via EB7DX
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QSL A35AY via JA1NLX, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Operator is Akira, JA1NLX, from **Fafa Island (OC-049**). He is expected to be active until February 8th. For more information, go to:

http://www.ne.jp/asahi/ja1nlx/ham/A35_2011.html

PJ7E QSL STATUS. PJ7E QSL team reports: "We still have about 1000 QSLs to finish up the backlog. Tom, N4XP, has been mailing about 600 per week. Please be patient as it just takes time. The OQSL card requests will be caught up by next week. If you have not received your QSL by March 1st, please inquire at **info@stmaarten2010.com** and do not re-send cards at this time. Thanks for all of the QSOs...."

QSL T88ZM via M0URX, direct or using his OQRS for Bureau cards at: http://www.m0urx.com/qsl-request-form.html Bob, 5B4AGN, was the operator from the **Palau Rental Shack (OC-009) http://palau.rental-shack.com/english/** between February 18th.

QSLS VIA LoTW: 1A0KM, 9M6/KM0O, A25DF, A45XR, A65BP, C6AKQ, C6ANM, C91DL, CO7PH, DH3MIT, DJ7XB, E51PEN, GM4WZL, HB10DX, HK3W, J6/KB9AVO, J48S, JT1CO, JY9NX, MU/F5NHJ, OM3LK, R5GA, R7MA, RI1FJ, RK3DXW, SP9BBH, SP9H, SV7LNK, SY75NW, T32OU, TG9AJR, TO5DX, UA0BA, V21ZG, V31RG, WL7E, YO3JF, YS3CW and ZL50VK

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5R8RJ, 6V7Z, 9K2YM, CY0/VE1AWW, D44TBV, DT8A, FG8AR, FR/DJ7RJ, GP0DTH, GW7X, HH2/OH2TA, HI3K, HK0GU, HK0GU/1, HK0GU/3, J5V, J68JA, JA1PBV/6W, KC4AAA, PJ2/K8LEE, PJ6A, PJ7E, PX8J, PX8L, TA7/WK1S, XV4SP, YB0AKM and ZB3B

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED This Week!

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE

Operators Ulli/DD2ML, Jurgen/DF1AL, Klaus- Dieter/DK1AX, Rene/DL2JRM, Rolf/DL7VEE, Sid/DM2AYO and Harry/DM5TI are now active as S9DX until February 17th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DL1RTL. Bureau QSLs may be requested online. For more details, visit their Web page at:

http://s9dx.hkmann.de

T2, TUVALU

Haru, JA1XGI, informs OPDX that he will be active as T2XG between May 17-24th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via JA1XGI, direct or by the Bureau.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI (Update/Reminder)

Operators Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ are expected to once again team up for another

operation in the Pacific this week, but this time from **Tarawa Island (OC-017)** between February 8-22nd. Bill will sign T30OU and Bob will sign T30YA. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using mostly CW with some SSB and RTTY, and using 100 watts and vertical antennas. They will also be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Multi-Single entry and signing T30YA. QSL via their home callsigns. They will upload their logs to LoTW soon after they get back to the USA.

T32, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update)

Don Field, G3XTT, FSDXA Publicity Officer, has sent out a press release (Bulletin #2) from the Five Star DXers Association (FSDXA) with updates on their T32C DXpedition to Kiritimati (Christmas Island) that will take place between September 27th and October 25th. The release states that the "T32C" callsign is now confirmed and has been issued. This took a little time to arrange, as single letter suffixes are not normally issued by the Kiribati Government. Secondly, the T32C Web site

http://www.t32c.com

is going strong with all the latest news. For example, you can look at predicted propagation, make a donation via PayPal and other means, read about the island, and much more. At this time though, they would particularly urge everyone to complete the survey of wanted bands and modes which will help them in planning their operating schedule.

It was also mentioned that their 40 member team is now almost complete, and they are especially delighted to welcome young amateur Michael Zürch, DG1CMZ, whose participation is possible thanks to an anonymous sponsor. Michael is a 25-year old from Thuringia, Germany. He was first licensed at the age of 14 and is a keen contester and DXer.

The UK-based members of T32C have had several preparatory sessions to clean up and refurbish kit from their previous operations as well as building and testing equipment which they will be using for the first time (for example, new 4-square antennas for both 40 and 30m, and vertical arrays for the high bands, to complement their existing Yagis). Some photos of these activities appear on the Web site. They have also been getting to know the FT-5000 radios of which they will have 16 with them on T32 along with Quadra linear amplifiers. Several pallets of gear are now ready to be transferred to the shipping container which they expect to leave the UK in late February from where it will travel via Singapore to Fiji, arriving in Suva in April or early May for onward shipping to T32. They have also added a GPS tracker in the container so that they can follow the progress of their kit as it makes its way to the island! To read the complete press release and their new brochure, go to the following Web pages at:

http://www.t32c.com/Resources/Documents/Press/Press%20Bulletin%202.pdf
http://www.t32c.com/resources/documents/brochure%20feb.pdf

TO7/FM, MARTINIQUE (NA-107)

Dim, UT5UGR, will once again be active as TO7A during the ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 5-6th) as a a Single-Op/ All-Band/High-Power entry. Outside of the contest look for him to sign FM/KL7WA. QSL FM/KL7WA and TO7A via UT5UGR.

VISALIA DX CONVENTION (Top-Band Banquet)

Steve, WB6RSE, reports that the 2011 Top-Band Dinner Banquet at the Visalia DX Convention

is now open for reservations. It will take place on Friday, April 15th, at 6:30 PM. The location is the Convention Hotel, Holiday Inn, Visalia CA. The program will be: "The Low Bands from VP8ORK South Orkneys". There will be door prizes. The menu will be the "Miner 49er BBQ Buffet Dinner. No host bar." The cost is 37 USDs/person. If you wish to attend, please send an E-mail with the number of reservations you would like along with CALL, FIRST & LAST NAME, and contact E-MAIL address for each person to: **wb6rse1@mac.com** You will receive a return E-mail confirming availability along with payment information. A SELL OUT IS EXPECTED. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

VK0/H, HEARD ISLAND

Carl, N4AA, editor of QRZ DX, reports that Chris/ VK3FY and Steve/VK6IR are co-leaders in planning for a DXpedition to Heard Island in February of 2013. They are proposing a 13 member team for a two week operation. The estimated cost for this operation is around 500,000 USDs. They are expected to put a Web page online to keep everyone informed. Last operation from Heard Island was back in 1997. The latest ranking by "DX Magazine's Most Wanted Survey" is #5 world-wide.

VP8O, SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS

Members of the Microlight Penguins continue to be active as VP8ORK from Signy Island (AN-008) until February 8th. As this was being written, the VP8ORK log shows (at 0658z, February 5th) that they have made 51979 QSOs with 15122 unique callsigns (34085/CW, 14548/SSB and 3346/RTTY). The online log can now be found at:

http://www.clublog.org/charts/?c=vp8ork

If you want a QSL card there are three ways available to receive one: OQRS direct (on the VP8O Web page), OQRS Bureau (on the VP8O Web page) and direct by mail via VE3XN [w/SASE/Green Stamps/IRC(s)]. For more details and updates, visit the VP8O Web page at:

http://www.vp8o.com

By the way, real-time news is now available at:

http://www.vp8o.com/realtimenews.htm

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLAND (Satellites, Grids, HF and Contesting)

Adrian, AA5UK, will be operating as ZF2AE from Grand Cayman and ZF2AE/ZF8 from Little Cayman between March 25th and April 2nd. He plans to operate during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) on Little Cayman, on 40-10 meters using a IC-7000 and vertical antenna. Current plans are to operate holiday style outside the contest on SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and the satellites (AO-51, SO-50, VO-52 and FO-29). Most activity will be in the afternoons and evenings. QSL direct to AA5UK with a SAE/SASE, by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

ZL50, NEW ZEALAND (Special Events)

Look for Graeme, ZL1ANH, to be active as ZL50GH during the year 2011. Activity is to celebrate his 50th anni- vesary of being a licenced radio amateur. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. Also, via LoTW.

ADDED REMINDER: Members of the Papakura Radio Club (ZL1VK), NZART Branch 65 in South Auckland, will activate the special event callsign ZL50VK between now and March 31st. Activity is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club. Look for logs to be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. QSL via ZL1VK. Visit their Web page at:

http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk

PLEASE NOTE: These are New Zealand stations and NOT ANTARCTICA (ZL5) callsigns.

ZS8, MARION ISLAND (Update)

Pierre, ZS1HF/ZS8M, continues to be active most days, mainly 20/17 meters SSB. Pierre has released another newsletter from Marion Island, where he provides more great pictures, along with more details about the island happenings and activities on the island. He also has a section in his newsletter called "Humans and seals do not mix!!!" If you have a weak stomach, you may not want to see these pictures. Pierre states that during breeding season the seals become extremely aggressive. Someone found out and got 25 stitches later! His newsletter can be found online at: http://www.iz8epy.it/html/zs8m.html Lastly, Pierre mentions the following four items:

1. Our Polar Supply ship will be arriving on 15 March with a team of maintenance people. At this stage I assume my operation will be down scaled, especially the SSB operation.
2. The ship returns to Cape Town on 19 April to collect the new team, including fuel and food for the next year.
3. The ship departs Cape Town on 5 April for Marion Island and arrives 11 April with the new team.
4. I expect the ZS8M operation will cease officially on 11 April 2011.

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